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1. A barracks installation called Artillery Barracks, fronts on ul. Artyleryska in the south, on ul. Polnocna in the north, and on ul. 1. Maja in the east in Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09). It consists of numerous four-story barracks buildings and some other buildings. An officers' mess is located at the southwestern corner of the billeting area, at 147 Alea 1. Maja. Up to August 1949, several colonels were observed as the ranking officers who regularly attended the mess. a general occasionally appeared at the mess. A total of 130 officers, including 2 or 3 Soviet officers, ate at the mess daily. In the summer of 1949, additional meals were served periodically to officers of units moving through the post. still another officers' mess was located at the post.

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2. Another barracks installation called Infantry Barracks is located on ul. Polnocna, and joins the Artillery Barracks to the north. This installation also contains several multi-story barracks buildings.
3. Artillery and infantry units were quartered in both barracks installations. companies marching out of and returning to the installations, and also saw artillery pieces drawn by teams of six horses. The units left the installations daily for training. Maneuvers were held in Pomerania each year from 1947 to 1949. many units moving through Bydgoszcz on the way to, and returning from, the maneuvers in the summer months. *
4. Single Soviet motor vehicles, were observed in the streets of the city almost daily. **

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- * Comment. The report confirms the location and occupation of the Artillery and Infantry Barracks in Bydgoszcz. The Artillery Barracks is believed to quarter a motorized artillery unit and the Infantry Barracks a KBW (Internal Security) battalion. . To date, no horse-drawn artillery has been reported from Bydgoszcz.

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** Comment. The Soviet motor vehicles may have belonged to Soviet officers who were possibly attached to the Hq 2nd Military District which was located in Bydgoszcz in 1949. The headquarters, meanwhile, have allegedly moved to Torun.

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